

High School Class of 1947

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**

Most of the fondest memories of my youth are associated with Ward-Belmont – having wonderful meals in that beautiful dining-room, especially where the waiters came out with tray after tray of strawberry shortcake in the spring. STOP DAY where we would go to the park for a picnic of fried chicken on silver trays – Mama Hay and Heron Hall, Mrs. McBride and the tea room (sugar gems, yummy!), Miss Morrison and Lockey and TOPS, Uncle Willie (the night watchman), going downtown to stop and go to special concerts at the War Memorial, dances at Castle Heights; Club Village and the Bell Tower – I loved it all!!

***Where my life has taken me...**

I have traveled with my family to various countries in Europe and we lived for a year in England. I have attended most of the W-B reunion, one of the greatest for me was

standing on stage with Minnie Pearl, ringing the Bells of Ward-Belmont, which always brings a lump in my throat. I would be attending this reunion if I were not going to my grandson's fifth birthday in Lima, Peru where my daughter, son-in-law (US Navy) and 3 grandchildren will be for 3 years. I hope to be able to come next year and see all my W-B friends.

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**

I attended Ward-Belmont from 1945-1947. There were very few boys at Vandy. We had a wonderful time and made great friends.

***Where my life has taken me...**

For years my three best friends from W-B met every year for a mini vacation. I have many wonderful memories from my 2 years at W-B. I will not be able to attend the reunion as we will be on a vacation.

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...** Our Father, Col. Glenn G. Dickenson, on military duty near Nashville, wanted to see the school, so mother took him there one evening. In the dark they were caught in the glare of the night watchman's light: "What are you doing after hours with a soldier and without a chaperone?" he growled at mother. She was pretty and petite and he had mistaken her for a student! Molly Shanks was the soloist at our H.S. graduation and I accompanied her. Several years ago, late 90s, I remember she was from Crossville. I called information and asked for her. The operator said, "She married Bruce Beach and gave me her number! In 2000 at the W-B 50th reunion at Harpeth Hall we exchanged notes. I sang and she accompanied me. We have remained close friends all these years. Please everyone, pray for her, she's battling cancer.

***Where my life has taken me...** Hollins University, VA, BA 1949. Married Sig Swensson, lived in Waynesboro, VA. Had 2 girls, Lise' and Karen. (Lise' now

Director of Art Museum in Hickory, NC. Karen is an antique dealer in Greensboro, NC.) Moved to Seaford, DE, had 2 boys, Erik (a surgeon near Portland, OR) and Jon (BMW dealer near us). This year: spoke at Ed. Conference in Morgantown, WVA and had dinner with roommate from W-B: Virginia Tait Jones (45-46) We had not seen or contacted each other until then. Her name and address appeared in your last list by magic. Directed "Brigadoon" at Longwood this year. Mardeus Outdoor Theatre, 2,000 people in audience, 7 shows. "The Hobbit" for Opera Delaware, 1,000 people in audience, 8 shows. Did one woman shows about Sophie Dupont and Martha Washington for Delaware Humanities Forum. Sang in Luxembourg (9/10/04). Am working on my 12th musical "The Secret of NIMH" for Opera, DE. (3/05)

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